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MOTION BY SUPERVISOR MICHAEL D. ANTONOVICH September 2, 2003

On June 4, 2002, this Board approved the Safe Haven Task Force recommendations that included 12 recommendations to effectively implement the Newborn Abandonment Law (SB 1368), often referred to as the “Safely Surrendered Baby Law” in Los Angeles County. Included was a recommendation to expand the number of Safe Surrender sites.

SB 1368 allows the Board of Supervisors to expand the number of Safe Surrender sites beyond the private or public hospital emergency rooms designated by law. On November 26, 2002 the Board exercised that authority and designated the fire stations of the cities of Long Beach and Glendale as Safe Surrender sites. Since then, the Board has invited municipal fire departments to participate in the County’s Safe Surrender program.

Today, the City of La Verne is requesting that the Board include its fire stations as Safe Surrender sites.

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I, THEREFORE MOVE, MOVE THAT THIS BOARD:

1. Adopt a resolution designating the City of La Verne Fire Department fire stations as Safe Surrender sites in Los Angeles County, effective September 2, 2003;
2. Request the Fire Chief of the City of La Verne to designate the classes of employees required to take physical custody of these infants, as required by Penal Code Section 271.5;
3. Request the City of La Verne to utilize the safe surrender kits developed by the County or substantially similar ones developed by the individual city;
4. Request the City of La Verne's fire stations to prominently display the uniform Safe Surrender logo at the entrance to their facilities.

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**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF
LOS ANGELES DESIGNATING FIRE STATIONS IN THE CITY OF LA VERNE**

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Los Angeles County and the City of La Verne, California are concerned with the growing number of newborn infants abandoned in Los Angeles County; and

WHEREAS, the State of California passed SB 1368, the Newborn Abandonment Law, often referred to as the "Safely Surrendered Baby Law," that provides that no parent or other person having lawful custody of a minor child 72 hours old or younger may be prosecuted for child abandonment if he or she voluntarily surrenders physical custody of a child to any employee on duty at a public or private hospital emergency room, or any additional location designated by the Board of Supervisors; and

WHEREAS, on June 4, 2002, the Board of Supervisors approved 12 recommendations by the Safe Haven Task Force to effectively implement the Safely Surrendered Baby Law in Los Angeles County that recommended the creation of additional Safe Surrender sites, such as County fire stations, to improve access to places where parents may safely surrender their infants; and

WHEREAS, the Fire Chief of the City of La Verne, has determined the feasibility of implementing Safe Surrender sites at all of its Fire Department fire stations, under current law, and upon adoption of this resolution will designate appropriate employees required to take physical custody of a surrendered newborn, pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 1255.7, and will comply with all the requirements of Health and Safety Code Section 1255.7; and

WEHREAS, this Board of Supervisors hereby finds and declares this resolution is being adopted pursuant to the powers granted by law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles designates the fire stations of the City of La Verne as Safe Surrender sites, effective September 2, 2003, and requests the Fire Chief to designate the employees required to take physical custody of a surrendered newborn as stipulated by Penal Code Section 271.5.

The foregoing resolution was on the 2 day of September, 2003 adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles and ex officio the governing body of all other special assessment and taxing districts, agencies and authorities for which said Board so acts.

VIOLET VARONA-LUKENS, Executive Officer-Clerk of the
Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles

Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
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